

EXHIBIT E

Case No. 19-3232



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

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File Number: 20191045

Dear Requester:

Reference is made to your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on August 16, 2019, for information pertaining to:

1. Documents concerning explicit or implicit threats of violence made or posed by any white supremacist group or hate group in connection with any event hosted by Donald J. Trump for President (including the president's initial and reelection campaigns, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Trump Campaign");
2. Documents indicating that your agency (or any other agency of the federal government) has identified white supremacist groups or hate groups, generally or specifically, as posing a threat of violence or other unlawful activity at events hosted by the Trump Campaign;
3. Documents indicating that your agency (or any other agency of the federal government) has identified individuals who hold white supremacist or white nationalist views as posing a threat of violence or other unlawful activity at events hosted by the Trump Campaign;
4. Communications or other documents exchanged with state or local law enforcement agencies concerning explicit or implicit threats of violence made or posed by any white supremacist group or hate group in connection with any event hosted by the Trump Campaign;

5. Documents concerning the arrest and/or prosecution of any member of any white supremacist group or hate group in connection with violence, harassment, threats, or intimidation at any event hosted by the Trump Campaign;
6. Documents indicating that any member of any white supremacist group or hate group has been barred or otherwise prevented from attending any event hosted by the Trump Campaign; and
7. Documents indicating or reflecting any advice or instructions given to Trump Campaign personnel concerning the incitement or encouragement of violence at Trump Campaign events (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2016 To 8/16/2016).

After conducting a search for responsive records, we have determined that your request is too broad in scope. Records must be described, in reasonably sufficient detail, to enable Secret Service employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency.

Pursuant to the FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R., Part 5, Subpart A § 5.3(b), you are required to describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipient, and subject matter of the record. If known, you should include any file designations or descriptions for the records that you want. As a general rule, the more specific you are about the records or type of records that you want, the more likely our agency will be able to locate those records in response to your request.

The FOIA does not require an agency to either create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records. Agencies are required to provide access to reasonably described, non-exempt records.

As you have failed to reasonably describe the records you are seeking, your request is not a “perfected” request, and we are unable to initiate a search for responsive records. To assist you, please click the link below to access the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations [6 CFR, Chapter I, Part 5, Subpart A] implementing certain provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of 1986, relating to the proper form for making a FOIA request.

DHS FOIA Regulations: http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/FOIA_FedReg_Notice.pdf

Please be advised, this is not a denial of your request. Please resubmit your request containing a reasonable description of the records you are seeking. Upon receipt of the required information, you will be advised of the status of your request. Failure to respond, within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, will result in the administrative closure of your file.

Your request has been assigned FOIA File No. 20191045. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact this office at (202) 406-6370. Please refer to the file number indicated above in all correspondence with this office.

Thank you,

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